

Meeting Date: 6.6.06

# AGENDA REPORT

Agenda Item # 6.B

Santa Clara



City of Santa Clara, California



**DATE:** June 2, 2006

**TO:** City Manager for Council Action

**FROM:** Michael R. Downey, City Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agreement for Binding Arbitration Ballot Measure Cost to be Paid by Police Officers Association and Firefighters International Association of Firefighters (Local 1171)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** At the City Council meeting of May 9, 2006, representatives of the Santa Clara Firefighters Association and the Santa Clara Police Officers Association stated that if the City Council would place a ballot measure concerning binding arbitration on the November 7, 2006 election ballot, they would pay the cost of doing so. The City Council agreed to place the binding arbitration ballot measure on the ballot. A copy of the proposed agreement to pay for costs has been placed in the City Council offices.

After consultation with the County of Santa Clara Registrar of Voters, the City Clerk has obtained a preliminary estimate of \$62,822 for placing the binding arbitration ballot measure on the ballot. The agreement provides for adjustments to arrive at the actual expense. Consequently, the Santa Clara Firefighters and the Santa Clara Police Officers Association would be responsible for either (i) additional actual expenses or (ii) entitled to a refund.

## **ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF ISSUE:**

The City will not be responsible for paying the cost associated with placing a ballot measure on Binding Arbitration on the November 7, 2006 ballot.

## **ECONOMIC/FISCAL IMPACT:**

The City will save the estimated \$62,822 cost of putting the binding arbitration measure on the November 7, 2006 ballot.

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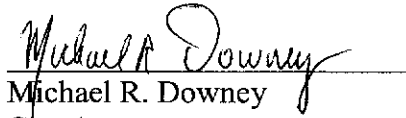
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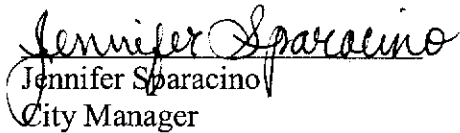
**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Manager be granted authority to execute the ballot measure election cost agreement substantially in the form proposed after approval of the City Attorney.



Michael R. Downey  
City Attorney

APPROVED:



Jennifer Sparacino  
City Manager

***Documents Related to this Report:***

***1) Agreement for Paying for the Ballot Measure Cost***

I:\DATA\WP\AGENDA\Binding Arbitration Measure Agreement 11-7-06 Election.doc